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(A) by striking “and” at the end of subparagraph (B);

(B) by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (C) and inserting “; and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new subparagraphs:

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(2) in paragraph (3), in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “or (D)” after “subparagraph (B)”.

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SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, TRANSITIONAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, AND RELATED PROGRAMS THROUGH MARCH 31, 2006.

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(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 403(a)(3)(H)(ii) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 603(a)(3)(H)(ii)), as amended by section 2(b)(2)(A) of the TANF Emergency Response and Recovery Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-68), is amended by striking “December 31, 2005” and inserting “March 31, 2006”.

(c) EXTENSION OF THE NATIONAL RANDOM SAMPLE STUDY OF CHILD WELFARE AND CHILD WELFARE WAIVER AUTHORITY THROUGH MARCH 31, 2006.—Activities authorized by sections 429A and 1130(a) of the Social Security Act shall continue through March 31, 2006, in the manner authorized for fiscal year 2005, and out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, there are hereby appropriated such sums as may be necessary for such purpose. Grants and payments may be made pursuant to this authority through the second quarter of fiscal year 2006 at the level provided for such activities through the second quarter of fiscal year 2005.

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(a) EXCLUSION UNDER MEDICARE BEGINNING IN 2007.—Section 1860D-2(e)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-102(e)(2)(A)) is amended by inserting “and, only with respect to 2006, other than subparagraph (K) (relating to agents when used to treat sexual or erectile dysfunction, unless such agents are used to treat a condition, other than sexual or erectile dysfunction, for which the agent has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration)” after “agents”.

(b) RESTRICTION UNDER MEDICAID.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1927(d)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r-8(d)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

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(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this subsection shall apply to drugs dispensed on or after the date that is 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS**COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. in Room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is receive testimony on S. 1016, to direct the Secretary of Energy to make incentive payments to the owners or operators of qualified desalination facilities to partially offset the cost of electrical energy required to operate the facilities, and for other purposes; and S. 1860, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to improve energy production and reduce energy demand through improved use of reclaimed waters, and for other purposes.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Nate Gentry (202) 224-2179 or Steve Waskiewicz at (202) 228-6195.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET**COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Friday, October 7, 2005, at 10 a.m. to hold a business meeting to consider pending committee business.

Agenda**Nomination**

1. Julie L. Myers to be Assistant Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Legislation

1. S. , an original bill to repeal the increased micro-purchase threshold.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NOTICE: REGISTRATION OF MASS MAILINGS

The filing date for 2005 third quarter mass mailings is Tuesday, October 25, 2005. If your office did no mass mailings during this period, please submit a form that states “none.”

Mass mailing registrations, or negative reports, should be submitted to the Senate Office of Public Records, 232 Hart Building, Washington, D. C. 20510-7116.

The Public Records office will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on the filing date to accept these filings. For further information, please contact the Public Records office at (202) 224-0322.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT—H.R. 3058

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the Democratic leader, on Monday, October 17, the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 175, H.R. 3058, the Transportation-Treasury appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SOCIAL SERVICES EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY ACT

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 3971, which was received from the House.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3971) to provide assistance to individuals and States affected by Hurricane Katrina.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. STEVENS. I ask unanimous consent that the substitute amendment at the desk be agreed to, the bill, as amended, be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 2059) was agreed to, as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 2059

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Cost-Sharing and Welfare Extension Act of 2005”.

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The bill (H.R. 3971), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's Executive Calendar: Calendar Nos. 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 366, 367, 368, 369, and all nominations on the Secretary's desk.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc, the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed are as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Kenneth L. Wainstein, of Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the District of Columbia for the term of four years, Howard, Jr., resigned.

THE JUDICIARY

Juliet JoAnn McKenna, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

John R. Fisher, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY

Colleen Duffy Kiko, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Stewart A. Baker, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Kim Kendrick, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Keith A. Nelson, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Darlene F. Williams, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Keith E. Gottfried, of California, to be General Counsel of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

David H. McCormick, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Patrick M. O'Brien, of Minnesota, to be Assistant Secretary for Terrorist Financing, Department of the Treasury.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Israel Hernandez, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

Darryl W. Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Emil W. Henry, Jr., of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Thomas A. Shannon, Jr., of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Western Hemisphere Affairs).

INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

Jan E. Boyer, of Texas, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Robert A. Mosbacher, of Texas, to be President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

John J. Danilovich, of California, to be Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Josette Sheeran Shiner, of Virginia, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Alternate Governor of the African Development Fund; United States Alternate Governor of the Asian Development Bank; and United States Alternate Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Kent R. Hill, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Jacqueline Ellen Schafer, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

John Hillen, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs), vice Lincoln P. Bloomfield, Jr., resigned.

Barry F. Lowenkron, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Jendayi Elizabeth Frazer, Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs), to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for the remainder of the term expiring September 27, 2009.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Francis Rooney, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Holy See.

Alfred Hoffman, of Florida, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Portugal.

Charles A. Ford, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Honduras.